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Work has begun on the new Britain Avenue bridge, located near Benton Center Road and Britain Avenue, which is part of the overall U.S. 31 extension project.

Getting closer every day

Final push to finish U.S. 31 about 5-10% done, with major work planned this year

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The U.S. 31 freeway extension project and its connection to I-94 will see major construction this year. Michigan Department of Transportation spokesman Nick Schirripa said the project is between 5 to 10 percent complete, as of this week. "Crossover construction on I-94 is done. For 2021, we'll see a whole lot of reconstruction on I-94 and the extension of U.S. 31. There are still some really big pieces that need to be started," Schirripa said. "The theory is that by the end of 2021 we will be halfway there."

U.S. 31, also called the St. Joseph Valley Parkway, now extends as a freeway to Napier Avenue in Berrien County. The sudden end requires motorists heading northbound to travel west on Napier Avenue for nearly two miles to reach I-94.

Once the project is finished, U.S. 31 will extend to I-94 at Exit 33 in Benton



Traffic flows through a recently completed roundabout at West Main Street and Crystal Avenue on Wednesday afternoon.

Harbor, completing a plan first announced in the mid-1960s. This final leg of the project — costing about \$122.5 million — has been roughly organized by year, over a three-year period. Work in 2020 involved the reconstitution of the I-94 business loop (Main Street) from Urbandale Avenue to Euclid Avenue, and converting the four-lane divided highway into three lanes from Urbandale Avenue to Crystal Avenue,

and two lanes from Crystal Avenue to I-94. Workers also have completed the I-94 crossover construction and shoulder widening in preparation for 2021 construction. Schirripa said workers have finished the roundabout at West Main Street and Crystal Avenue, which is part of the business line that heads into Benton Harbor. Construction of a new Britain Avenue bridge over U.S. 31 is ongoing,

Schirripa said. Work also began in August 2020 on another roundabout along East Main Street. In 2021 MDOT plans to reconstruct westbound I-94; build cul-de-sacs on Empire Avenue on each side of U.S. 31 and cul-de-sacs on Highland Avenue on each side of I-94; complete the Territorial Road bridge replacement over I-94; Benton Center

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Vaccine waitlist established for people 65 and over

Residents should fill out online form on BCHD's website

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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BENTON TOWNSHIP — Berrien County residents 65 years and older can now put themselves on a waitlist to get the COVID-19 vaccine. The Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) announced creation of the waitlist Thursday. It is available on the department website, <http://bchdmi.org/1745/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information>.

The waitlist will allow the BCHD to contact people once they are able to start scheduling them for vaccination clinics.

The state authorized local health departments to begin vaccinating those 65 years and older, starting next Monday, though BCHD officials acknowledged Wednesday they currently do not have an adequate supply of the vaccine to start that group just yet.

Berrien County is still focusing on Phase 1A of vaccine distribution, and anyone in that phase can fill out a similar form on the department's website, to be scheduled for a COVID vaccine.

That same webpage also outlines who exactly is in each phase and priority group, and allows people to sign up for the department's vaccine newsletter.

As of Wednesday, 1,699 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine had been administered

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Trump finally concedes – amid talk of ouster from office

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and ZEKE MILLER
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WASHINGTON — With 13 days left in his term, President Donald Trump finally bent to reality on Thursday amid growing talk of trying to force him out early, acknowledging he'll peacefully leave after Congress affirmed his defeat.

Trump led off a video from the White House by condemning the violence carried out in his name a day earlier at the Capitol. Then, for the first time, he admitted that his presidency would soon end — though he declined to mention President-elect Joe Biden by name or explicitly state that he had lost.

"A new administration will be inaugurated on Jan. 20," Trump said in the video. "My focus now turns to ensuring a smooth, orderly and seamless transition of power. This moment calls for healing and

reconciliation."

The address, which appeared designed to stave off talk of a forced early eviction, came at the end of a day when the cornered president stayed out of sight in the White House. Silenced on some of his favorite internet lines of communication, he watched the resignations of several top aides, including a Cabinet secretary.

And as officials sifted through the aftermath of the pro-Trump mob's siege of the U.S. Capitol, there was growing discussion of impeaching him a second time or invoking the 25th Amendment to oust him from the Oval Office.

The invasion of the Capitol building, a powerful symbol of the nation's democracy, rattled Republicans and Democrats alike. They struggled with how best to contain the impulses of a president deemed too dangerous to control

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Deal reached on project to protect lakes from invasive fish

By JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY — Michigan, Illinois and a federal agency have agreed on funding the next phase of an initiative to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes by strengthening defenses on a Chicago-area waterway, officials said Thursday.

The two states and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will share pre-construction engineering and design costs for the \$858 million project at Brandon

Road Lock and Dam near Joliet, Illinois. The structure on the Des Plaines River is a choke point between the Illinois River, which is infested with the invasive carp, and Lake Michigan.

A plan approved by the Corps in 2019 calls for installing a gantlet of technologies to deter approaching fish, including electric barriers and underwater speakers that would blast loud noises, plus an "air bubble curtain." A specially designed "flushing lock" would wash away carp that might be floating on the wa-

ter as vessels pass through. The next step is developing design and engineering specifications, expected to take three to four years and cost about \$28.8 million.

Under the new agreement, the Corps will pay \$18 million and Michigan \$8 million. Illinois will chip in \$2.5 million and serve as the "non-federal sponsor" required for such projects.

The federal share of the design and engineering funds still needs to be provided through annual Corps work plans, said Col. Steven M. Sattinger, com-

mander of the Corps' district office in Rock Island, Illinois.

Both states will collaborate with the Corps as it designs the complex mechanism, which will require thousands of pages of drawings.

Extensive research is still needed for some features, which never have been built to the scale that will be required at Brandon Road, Sattinger said.

"It's not as easy as it sounds," he said during an online news conference. Four species of carp were

imported from Asia in the 1960s and 1970s to clear algae from Deep South sewage ponds and fish farms. They escaped into the Mississippi River and have moved north into dozens of tributaries in Middle America.

Government agencies, advocacy groups and others have long debated how to prevent them from reaching the Great Lakes, where scientists say they could out-compete native species for food and habitat. The lakes region has a fishing industry valued at

\$7 billion.

"If Asian carp invade the Great Lakes, they would have a devastating impact on our fisheries, tourism and outdoor recreation economies, and way of life across the region," said Marc Smith, policy director for the National Wildlife Federation.

A shipping canal that forms part of the link between the Mississippi and Lake Michigan has a network of fish-repelling barriers, which the Corps

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Betsy DeVos resigns as education secretary, blames Donald Trump for U.S. Capitol riot

By DAVID JESSE
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

Betsy DeVos, the West Michigan political force who rose to education secretary, resigned Thursday night, saying Pres. Donald Trump incited a mob that invaded the Capitol Wednesday evening.

“We should be highlighting and celebrating your Administration’s many accomplishments on behalf of the American people,” DeVos wrote in a letter to the president.

“Instead we are left to clean up the mess caused by violent protesters overrunning the U.S. Capitol in an attempt to undermine the people’s business. That behavior was unconscionable for our country. There is no mistaking the impact your rhetoric had on the situation, and it is the inflection point for me.

“Impressionable children are watching all of this, and they are learning from us. I believe we each have a moral obligation to exercise good judgement and model the behavior they would emulate. They must know from us that America is greater than what transpired yesterday.”

For decades DeVos and her husband were a dominant force in Michigan politics. DeVos had a long

track record of funding education related policies in Michigan, especially around school choice.

During her tenure as education secretary she came under fire regularly for her decisions on a variety of issues.

In her resignation letter, DeVos recapped what she saw as her accomplishments over her four years in office.

“Leading the U.S. Department of Education has given me an exceptional opportunity to advocate on behalf of the forgotten students the traditional system leaves behind,” she wrote.

She said she expanded school choice and “restored the proper federal role by returning to power to states, communities, educators and parents.”

DeVos also trumpeted her advocating for schools to reopen during COVID shutdowns.

“I know with certainty that history will show we were correct in our repeated urging of and support for schools reopening this year and getting all of America’s students back to learning.

Millions are being denied meaningful access to education right now, in no small part because of the union bosses who control so much of the traditional system.



John Minchillo / AP

Violent protesters, loyal to President Donald Trump, storm the Capitol Wednesday in Washington.

Capitol Police rejected offers of federal help to quell mob

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WASHINGTON — Three days before supporters of President Donald Trump rioted at the Capitol, the Pentagon asked the U.S. Capitol Police if it needed National Guard manpower. And as the mob descended on the building Wednesday, Justice Department leaders reached out to offer up FBI agents. The police turned them down both times, according to senior defense officials and two people familiar with the matter.

Despite plenty of warnings of a possible insurrection and ample resources and time to prepare, the Capitol Police planned only for a free speech demonstration.

Still stinging from the uproar over the violent response by law enforcement to protests last June near the White House, officials also were intent on avoiding any appearance that the federal government was deploying active duty or National Guard troops against Americans.

The result is the U.S. Capitol was overrun Wednesday and officers in a law enforcement agency with a large operating budget and experience in high-security events protecting lawmakers were overwhelmed for the world to see. Four protesters died, including one shot inside the building.

The rioting and loss of control has raised serious questions over security at the Capitol for future events. The actions of the day also raise troubling concerns about the treatment of mainly white Trump supporters, who were allowed to roam through the building for hours, while Black and brown protesters who demonstrated last year over police brutality faced more robust and aggressive policing.

“This was a failure of imagination, a failure of leadership,” said Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, whose department responded to several large protests last year following the death of George Floyd. “The Capitol Police must do better and I don’t see how we can get around that.”

Acevedo said he has attended events on the Capitol grounds to honor slain police officers that had higher fences and a stronger security presence than what he saw on video Wednesday.

Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy said that as the rioting was underway, it became clear that the Capitol Police were overrun. But he said there was no contingency planning done in advance for what forces could do in case of a problem at the Capitol because Defense Department help was turned down. “They’ve got to ask us, the request has to come to us,” said McCarthy.

U.S. Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund, under pressure from Schumer, Pelosi and

other congressional leaders, was forced to resign. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell asked for and received the resignation of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, Michael Stenger, effective immediately. Paul Irving, the longtime Sergeant at Arms of the House, also resigned.

“There was a failure of leadership at the top,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said.

The U.S. Capitol had been closed to the public since March because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has now killed more than 360,000 people in the U.S. But normally, the building is open to the public and lawmakers pride themselves on their availability to their constituents.

It is not clear how many officers were on-duty Wednesday, but the complex is policed by a total of 2,300 officers for 16 acres of ground who protect the 435 House representatives, 100 U.S. senators and their staff. By comparison, the city of Minneapolis has about 840 uniformed officers policing a population of 425,000 in a 6,000-acre area.

There were signs for weeks that violence could strike on Jan. 6, when Congress convened for a joint session to finish counting the Electoral College votes that would confirm Democrat Joe Biden had won the presidential election.

On far-right message boards and in pro-Trump circles, plans were being made.

The leader of the far-right extremist group Proud Boys was arrested coming into the nation’s capital this week on a weapons charge for carrying empty high-capacity magazines emblazoned with their logo. He admitted to police that he had made statements about rioting in Washington, local officials said.

Both Acevedo and Ed Davis, a former Boston police commissioner who led the department during the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, said they did not fault the responses of clearly overmatched front-line officers, but the planning and leadership before the riot.

“Was there a structural feeling that well, these are a bunch of conservatives, they’re not going to do anything like this? Quite possibly,” Davis said. “That’s where the racial component to this comes into play in my mind. Was there a lack of urgency or a sense that this could never happen with this crowd? Is that possible? Absolutely.”

Trump and his allies were perhaps the biggest megaphones, encouraging protesters to turn out in force and support his false claim that the election had been stolen from him. He egged them on during a rally shortly before they marched to the Capitol and rioted. His personal attorney Rudy Giuliani, a former New York mayor known for his tough-on-crime stance, called for “trial by combat.”

Prosecutor: Sedition charge possible for pro-Trump rioters

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WASHINGTON — The top federal prosecutor for the District of Columbia said Thursday that “all options are on the table” for charging members of the violent pro-Trump mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol — including sedition charges.

Michael Sherwin, acting U.S. attorney for D.C., said prosecutors plan to file 15 federal cases on Thursday for crimes including unauthorized access and theft of property, and investigators are combing through reams of evidence to bring additional charges.

“All of those charges are on the table,” he said. “We’re not going to keep anything out of our arsenal for potential charges. We will bring the most maximum charges we can based upon the conduct.”

Sherwin said 40 other cases had already been filed in District of Columbia Superior Court.

More than 90 people have been arrested in Washington and more arrests are likely. U.S. attorneys from across the country have vowed to find and bring to justice any residents who participated in the insurrection aimed at thwart-



Julio Cortez / AP

Trump supporters try to break through a police barrier Wednesday at the Capitol in Washington.

ing the peaceful transfer of power. But it could take weeks to build cases against the rioters.

Experts say some could face the rarely used seditious conspiracy charge. It’s the same charge former Attorney General William Barr’s Justice Department told prosecutors to consider levying against those who caused violence at protests last summer over the killings of Black Americans by police.

Other possible charges for the pro-Trump mob include civil disorder, destruction of property and rioting, experts say.

“You can literally throw the book at them and it would be a

pretty heavy book,” said Laurie Levenson, a former federal prosecutor and professor at Loyola Law School. Levenson said it’s important for prosecutors to send a message with their charges.

“This cannot happen again,” she said. “This was a very scary moment for America and it cannot set a precedent that the way you deal with political opposition is through violence and destruction.”

The Department of Justice has aggressively gone after demonstrators who caused violence during the protests over police brutality, charging more than 300 with crimes including civil disorder and burglary. In many cases, pros-

ecutors pushed to keep them locked up while they await trial despite the virus crisis that has ravaged jails and prisons across the U.S.

Then-Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, who stepped into the top DOJ job when Barr resigned last month, told prosecutors in a memo in September that they should consider the use of seditious conspiracy charges against violent demonstrators, saying it does not require proof of a plot to overthrow the U.S. government. No one charged in the civil unrest sparked by George Floyd’s death has actually been charged with sedition.

The charge, which carries up to 20 years in prison, could apply to those who “by force prevent, hinder or delay the execution” of any U.S. law or “by force seize, take, or possess any property of the United States contrary to the authority thereof,” Rosen wrote.

He cited as a hypothetical example: “a group has conspired to take a federal courthouse or other federal property by force.”

“I do think there are some pretty strong cases, or at least some potential cases, under that statute,” Levenson said of those at the Capitol on Wednesday.

LOTTERIES

Thursday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
KH-8D-5S-6S-8S

Midday Daily 3
5-1-1

Midday Daily 4
0-5-1-1

Daily 3
3-6-0

Daily 4
0-4-2-1

Fantasy 5
08-15-32-38-39

Keno
01-03-04-06-08-18-19-29-31-34-37-41-47-48-52-53-60-64-67-69-72-75

Mega Millions jackpot
\$490 million

Powerball jackpot
\$470 million

Wednesday drawings

Michigan

Powerball
01-20-22-60-66, Powerball: 3, Power Play: 3

Indiana

Cash 5
13-20-21-34-45

Cash4Life
05-06-16-22-33, Cash Ball: 2

Lotto Plus
15-16-25-27-31-43

Quick Draw Midday
02-04-06-18-19-20-

24-29-31-33-37-38-40-

50-53-61-63-71-73-77,

BE: 50

Daily Three-Midday
4-3-9, SB: 6

Daily Three-Evening
7-4-6, SB: 5

Daily Four-Midday
9-3-3-2, SB: 6

Daily Four-Evening

8-2-8-2, SB: 5

Quick Draw Evening
11-15-18-19-21-23-

24-29-38-39-40-47-52-

57-64-65-66-68-71-78,

BE: 23

Hoosier Lotto
05-17-29-40-42-46

Illinois

LuckyDay Lotto Midday
03-07-16-25-42

Pick Three-Midday
7-5-3, Fireball: 2

Pick Three-Evening
6-2-2, Fireball: 5

Pick Four-Midday
2-9-7-5, Fireball: 6

Pick Four-Evening
5-1-0-3, Fireball: 3

Lucky Day Lotto
17-27-28-40-43

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Elliott will again head up Berrien County Board

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ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County Commissioner Mac Elliott was once again selected as chairman of the county board of commissioners during an organizational meeting Thursday.

This is the second consecutive time he was chosen by his fellow commissioners for the two-year term. He was also chairman in 1991.

Commissioner Ezra Scott was selected for the one-year term as the vice chairman for the

second time.

Elliott also announced the new committee assignments.

Commissioner Bob Harrison was named the new chairman of the Personnel and Human Services committee. He takes the place of Bill Chickering, who retired.

New Commissioner Rayonte Bell was placed on the committee, along with Commissioner Dave Vollrath. Harrison said they will choose a vice chairman at a later date.

Commissioner Jim Curran will remain as the chairman of the ad-

ministrative committee.

On the committee is new Commissioner Julie Wuerfel, along with Commissioners Don Meeks and Michael Majerek. Meeks was named vice chairman.

Commissioner Mamie Yarbrough will remain as chairwoman of the Finance Committee, which also includes Commissioners Jon Hinkelman, Teri Freehling and Ezra Scott. Hinkelman was named the vice chairman.

After the committee assignments were announced, Curran said at a later meeting that there

will be at least one change next week. Vollrath and Majerek are expected to switch places, with Vollrath being placed on the administrative committee and Majerek on the personnel committee.

In addition, Elliott reappointed Freehling as the parliamentarian, Curran as the sergeant at arms and Yarbrough as chaplain.

Commissioners also approved the 2021 calendar of meetings. Commissioners usually meet at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday morning, with a few night meetings scheduled around the county.

But since the COVID-19 pandemic started last March, all of the meetings were switched to the morning and are being held virtually, with residents able to watch them on the county's YouTube channel.

Elliott said that night meetings can be scheduled at a later date once a larger portion of the population is vaccinated.

The only Thursdays when no meetings are scheduled are when they fall on the fifth Thursday of the month, or on a holiday.

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The site for the proposed Great Mead Hall and Brewing Co. tasting and meeting room is shown. The Tasting room would front Williams Street, in the lower level of Historic Nichols Hotel.

Great Mead Hall and Brewing Co. plans South Haven location

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For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Downtown South Haven has its share of wine, craft brew and ale tasting businesses. If all goes well, the town may have a new mead tasting room.

Historic Hotel Nichols owner Scott Whiteford is teaming up with the owners of the Great Mead Hall and Brewing Co. to open a new tasting and meeting room downtown.

“Our building is 140 years old, why not serve something that’s over 1,400 years old,” Whiteford joked to South Haven City Council members at their meeting Monday.

Mead, which is derived from fermented honey, actually dates back to between 2,800-

1,800 BC in Europe during the European Bronze Age, according to HeritageDaily.com. It has remained a popular drink in Europe and America.

Both Whiteford and David McCarty, one of the owners of Great Mead Hall and Brewery in Bangor, attended the city council meeting hoping the council would approve a recommendation to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to grant a Tasting Room License to Great Mead Hall for its proposed location inside the lower level of the hotel.

After conducting a public hearing, council members signed off on the request.

If the state approves the tasting room license, Great Mead Hall and Brewing Company plans to renovate the lower

level of the hotel, which overlooks Williams Street.

Currently, access to the 1,500-square-foot lower level can be made by two large garage doors and an entryway door that had been boarded up since the 1960s, according to Whitehead.

A site plan calls for installation of roll-top doors that can be open during warmer weather and the door that can be used during colder months.

The renovated indoor space will consist of tables and drinking lounging stations, along with a bar hand station and restrooms. The license, if granted, would allow for a portable bar and pouring station that can be moved to various locations on the premises.

“We plan to open those ga-

rage doors to allow for extra foot traffic. We envision the portable bar to be on the eastern wall and the bathrooms in the southwest corner of space,” Whiteford said. “We see this (the tasting room) as being an open concept.”

Whiteford went on to say that he began meeting with the Great Mead and Brewing Co. owners after he noticed that his large gathering of hotel guests would often go elsewhere to meet together.

“Why not provide beverages while they meet up?” he said. “We feel it’s a great synergy between the two entities.”

The tasting room is expected to be open for 6-8 months out of the year. Its performance will then be evaluated following its first year of operation.

Van Buren/Cass health dept. releases COVID-19 vaccine sign-up survey

By **ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
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HARTFORD — Van Buren and Cass county residents can now put their name on a list that will let them know when the health department is ready to begin vaccinating individuals in their priority group.

The Van Buren/Cass District Health Department (VBCDHD) launched the COVID-19 Individual Vaccination Survey on its website this week.

“The best way to ensure you receive notification when clinics and appointments become available to you is to complete the new Individual Vaccination Survey,” VBCDHD officials wrote in an vaccine update email.

To find the survey, visit www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19-vaccine and click on “I want a COVID vaccine!”

Once someone completes the survey, their contact in-

formation will be added to a contact list and organized by priority group. The VBCDHD will reach out to them via phone or email when it is ready to begin vaccinating individuals in their priority group.

Anyone who is included in any of the three Phase 1A priority groups who live or work in Cass or Van Buren County are now eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine.

Phase 1B will open up on Monday, though the two counties are experiencing a low supply of vaccine, similar to Berrien County.

“Although these priority phases are opening, it is important to note that vaccine supply is very limited,” the VBCDHD wrote in the email update. “Vaccine and clinic availability are dependent on the supply of vaccine from the manufacturer and how vaccine is allocated from the federal level to Michigan.”

The VBCDHD estimates that by the end of next week, it will have given out 700 initial doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to folks in Phase 1A.

As of Wednesday, 1,232 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine had been administered in Van Buren County and 234 doses had been administered in Cass County, according to the state’s COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard.

The VBCDHD is expecting to schedule most of its clinics and appointments on a first come, first served basis because of the low supply and high demand.

In addition to open clinics, some individuals may receive priority through their place of employment. If an employer is health care or critical infrastructure and has not yet signed up, residents should encourage them to complete the COVID-19 Healthcare & Critical Infrastructure Vaccination Survey, which is also

available at the link above.

“We are actively working together with our health care partners to vaccinate all of those eligible as soon as possible. Your health and safety and the health and safety of our entire two counties is a priority and of utmost importance to us. We appreciate your patience as we move through the various phases of the vaccination process,” VBCDHD officials wrote in the email.

COVID data update

Cass County recorded two additional COVID-19 deaths on Thursday, while Van Buren County recorded one.

This brings Cass County’s pandemic death toll to 48, and Van Buren County’s to 75.

Over Wednesday and Thursday, Cass County recorded 67 new COVID-19 cases, while Van Buren County recorded 74.

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K-9 unit receives protective vest as donation

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STEVENSVILLE — A Lincoln Township police officer now has an added layer of protection.

Echo, a Belgian Malinois, was given a protective vest this month that was donated to the police department’s K-9 unit from a nonprofit organization.

Police Chief Gary Soper said the vest was donated by Vested Interest in K9s and sponsored by Leah A. Beale of Oklahoma City. The vest was embroidered with the sentiment, “In memory of K9 Kye, Oklahoma City.”

“When we were first getting the money to get the dog, we were speaking to the handler about getting the dog a vest,” Soper said. “It was always important to get the dog gear like our other officers.”

The handler alerted Lincoln Township about Vested Interest’s program, Soper said.

However, the township couldn’t apply for a vest until Echo was at last 20 months old – the age at which most dogs stop growing.

After their application was accepted, the vest was fashioned to Echo’s measurements. Soper said it took six weeks before the vest arrived.

Because she is a smaller dog, Soper said the price of the vest was estimated to be about \$1,800.

“Echo is one of us. She basically goes into the same situation as the handler. Sometimes she even goes into more dangerous situations than us,” Soper

said. “When she puts it on, she has no reaction. It doesn’t seem to be uncomfortable for her.”

The vest has reflective capabilities and is equipped with a handle on the back of its harness to allow the officer to lift her if needed.

Vested Interest in K9s, established in 2009, is a nonprofit organization created to provide bullet- and stab-protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement agencies.

Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s has provided more than 4,100 vests to dogs in all 50 states, at a combined value of \$6.9 million. The vests are made possible through private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate.

According to the organization’s website, each vest has a value ranging between \$1,700 to \$2,200, and weighs an average of four to five pounds.

Lincoln Township police welcomed Echo to the squad in 2019 after she was hand-picked through a breeder in Poland.

With the help of community donors, the police department was able to buy the K-9, outfit a vehicle with a cage, install a kennel at the police station as well as buy handler equipment.

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Echo, a Belgian Malinois, is part of the Lincoln Township Police Department’s K-9 unit. Here she wears a protective recently donated vest.

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THE GUIDE

Editor's Note: In these uncertain times, events can change quickly. Be sure to check with venues for the latest updates and possible cancellations.

TODAY

Linz & Cello: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

A Girl & A Guy: 8 p.m., Jay's Lounge Sports Bar & Grill, 3025 S. 11th St., Niles; 684-8353 or jayslounge.food96.com

SATURDAY

Winter Bazaar: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Center Street, Baroda (outdoors); 326-7092 or thelocalbaroda.com

Potawatomi Zoo presents "Animals Around the World" hosted by Bridgman Public Library: 11 a.m., online via Zoom; free; 465-3663 or bridgmanlibrary.com

Michael Paterson: 3 p.m., **Michael Street:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

SUNDAY

Decker Ridout Duo: 5 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

MONDAY

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

TUESDAY

The Friends of New Buffalo Library present The History Behind Iron Brigade and Red Arrow Highway: 7 p.m., via Zoom; free; 469-2933 or newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org

THURSDAY

Krasl Art Center presents Live at Lunchtime: Member Q&A: noon, via Krasl's Facebook page; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org, www.facebook.com/Kraslartcenter.fb
TNC Talks: William Sheffield of Benton Harbor with Michael Hoyh: 6:30 p.m., via Zoom (bit.ly/2KGTsYy); free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 CR 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

JAN. 15

80/90: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com
Rob Yocom: 7-10 p.m., Jay's Lounge Sports Bar & Grill, 3025 S. 11th St., Niles; 684-8353 or jayslounge.food96.com

JAN. 16

Darryl Buchanan: 3 p.m., **Sk8er Boys:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

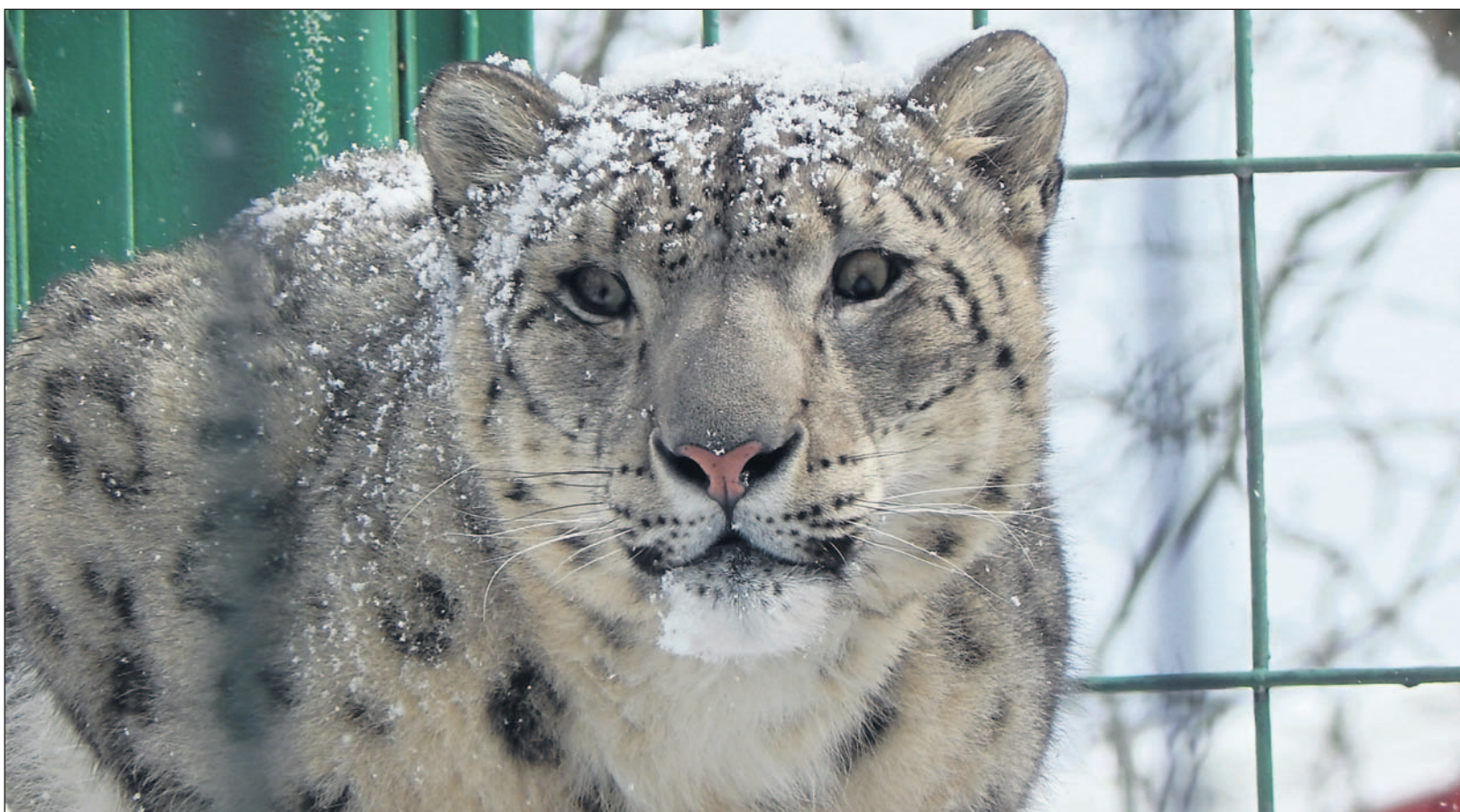


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Potawatomi Zoo, which is home to animals like the snow leopard, will join Bridgman Public Library for a virtual event, "Animals Around the World," on Saturday morning.

JAN. 17

Richard Chubbs: 5 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 18

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

JAN. 19

Author talk with "The Snow Killings" author Marney Rich Keenan: 6 p.m., online via Zoom; free; 465-3663 or bridgmanlibrary.com
The Mendel Center presents National Geographic Live's "Life on Other Worlds" with Kevin Peter Hand and Kobie Boykins: 7 p.m., online; \$15-\$25; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com
Tiki Tuesday with the Trivia Guy: 7-9 p.m., Chill Hill Winery, 8986 First St., Baroda; free; 326-7173 or chillhill.net

JAN. 21

Krasl Art Center presents Live at Lunchtime: Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.: noon, via Krasl's Facebook page; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org, www.facebook.com/Kraslartcenter.fb

Krasl Art Center presents Third Thursday: Inspired By ... Artist Christina Root Vazquez: 7 p.m., online, registration required; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

JAN. 22

AD3 Acoustic Trio: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 23

Gemini: 3 p.m., **Checkmark Sallie:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 24

Sunday Afternoons at the Courthouse Talks: American Faith: 2:30 p.m., via Zoom (bit.ly/3nl16oD); free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org
Lexi Adams and Jonny Love: 3 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site
Jason Murphy: 5 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 25

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

JAN. 28

Krasl Art Center presents Live at Lunchtime: Installing the Members' Show: noon, via Krasl's Facebook page; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org, www.facebook.com/Kraslartcenter.fb
Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

JAN. 29

Decker Ridout Duo: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 30

"2020 Members' Show: Inspired By ..." opening weekend: 9-11 a.m. (special hours for exhibiting artists and guests), 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (open to the public, capacity limits apply); Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org
Twin City Players hosts a virtual trivia night: 7 p.m., online; \$10 per screen, limited space; 429-0400 or www.twincityplayers.org
Love & Rock Unplugged: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 31

Eli Kahn: 5 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com
"2020 Members' Show: Inspired By ..." opening weekend: see Jan. 30

FEB. 1

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

FEB. 2

"The Real Mae West" with Martina Mathisen: 6 p.m., online via Zoom; free; 465-3663 or bridgmanlibrary.com

FEB. 4

Coffee with the Curator (virtual tour of "2020 Members' Show" exhibit): noon, via Krasl Art Center's Facebook page; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org, www.facebook.com/Kraslartcenter.fb
Thursday Night Films presents "The Captain": 6:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com
Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

FEB. 5

Magical Ice Fest: 5-8 p.m., downtown St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com
That's What She Said: 7 p.m., Jay's Lounge Sports Bar & Grill, 3025 S. 11th St., Niles; 684-8353 or jayslounge.food96.com
LYNN and the Moonshine Runners: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Checkmark Sallie: 8 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

FEB. 6

Magical Ice Fest: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. see Feb. 5

FEB. 7

Andrews University Sunday Music Series presents Jason Gresl and Lara Turner: 4 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu
Dave Van Dyke: 5 p.m., Dooley's Lake House Pub, 310 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; free; 469-2247 or dooleyslakehouse.com
Magical Ice Fest: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., see Feb. 5

FEB. 8

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

FEB. 9

The Mendel Center presents National Geographic Live's "Scientific Exposure" with Prasenjeet Yadav and Anand Varma: 7 p.m., online; \$15-\$25; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

FEB. 11

Thursday Night Films presents "Gemma Boverly": 6:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com
Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

ONGOING

ART EXHIBITS

2020 Members Show and "Here and There" by Carr Pierce: through Jan. 16; Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org
"You Won't Part With Yours Either: Robert Perine and the Fender Guitar, 1957-1969": through Jan. 20; ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 277-5090 or arsartsandculture.org
"Artists As Influencers: Pathways in Glass" and "Shelter-in-Place": through Jan. 24 (virtual and in-person by appointment); **"2020**

Members' Show: Inspired By ..." and **Works by Jennifer Zona:** Jan. 30 through March 28; Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

"Historic Rituals: The Freemasons of Berrien County": Wednesday through March 7; History Center at Courthouse Square's Sheriff's Residence, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

Strong, Resilient, Feminine: began Dec. 15; **Maker Focus: Victoria Christen:** began Dec. 22; **Collections:** began Jan. 5; **Linda Christianson Solo Exhibition: Just Pots:** begins Jan. 12; **Maker Focus: Sunshine Cobb:** begins Jan. 19; **Sanam Emami Nowruz:** begins Jan. 26; **Joe Singewald Solo Exhibition:** begins Feb. 2; **Matthew Metz Solo Exhibition:** begins Feb. 16; **Maker Focus: Becky Lloyd:** begins Feb. 23, Schaller Gallery, 8972 First St., Baroda; 983-7404 or www.schallergallery.com

FILM

Virtual screenings: "Coup 53": \$12, **"Collective":** \$12, **"Tazzeke":** \$10, **"Weasels' Tale":** \$11.99, **"10 Days With Dad":** \$10, **"Night Shift":** \$10, **"SOL":** \$10, **"Finding Yingying":** \$12, **"76 Days":** \$12, **"Harry Chapin: When in Doubt, Do Something":** \$4.99; **"Blindfire":** \$7.99; **"Citizens of the World":** \$10; **"Martin Eden":** \$12 for 5-day rental; **"The Keeper":** \$12; **"Herb Alpert Is":** \$12, Vickers Theatre; 756-3522 or vickerstheatre.com

ATTRACTIONS

Light Up the Bluff: all day, through Feb. 14, Lake Bluff Park, Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

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Jackson Kerr releases first album

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Jackson Kerr, a singer from Berrien Springs, released his debut album late last year.

"Let Beauty Awake," which features music by Ralph Vaughan Williams and John Ireland, now is available on streaming services like Spotify, Amazon, Apple Music and iTunes.

Kerr, a baritone, has experience singing sacred music, opera and musical theater. He has performed with the South Bend Lyric Opera and

Main Street Opera in Chicago.

He studied at Bethel College (now Bethel University), graduating with a bachelor's in vocal performance in 2016. There, he said he discovered the music of Vaughan Williams, who set nine of Robert Louis Stevenson's poems to music.

Ireland's music is taken from various authors, including William Shakespeare and Ernest Dowson.

For more information about Kerr, visit jkh249.wixsite.com/mysite or find him on Facebook.

Mendel's first Nat Geo event is Jan. 19

BENTON HARBOR — Lake Michigan College's

Mendel Center will host its first of three virtual National Geographic Live events at 7 p.m. Jan. 19.

"Life on Other Worlds" will feature NASA planetary scientist/astrobiologist Kevin Peter Hand and NASA mechanical engineer Kobie Boykins, who will give the latest updates on space exploration.

Tickets are pay what you want, and range from \$15-\$25. They are available



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online at www.themendelcenter.com or by calling 927-8700, option 1. Each pass is valid for one device.

Hand's work focuses on the origin, evolution and distribution of life in the solar system, and involves research on the physics and chemistry of icy moons in the outer solar system with an emphasis on Jupiter's second large moon, Europa. He has served on NASA's Science Definition Teams for Europa Flagship missions, and is helping lead the effort to someday land on Europa. His work has taken him from ocean depths to the summit of Kilimanjaro, from the Arctic to Antarctica.

Boykins, who also works at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California,

has worked on the Pathfinder mission, built the solar arrays for the Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, led the mobility and remote sensing teams for the Mars Science Laboratory Rover, Curiosity, and is chief engineer on the Europa Clipper team. In 2013, he received a NASA Exceptional Service Medal, one of the highest honors given to NASA employees and contractors.

CMW to host 4 virtual workshops

STEVENSVILLE — Children's Music Workshop this week announced it will host virtual workshops on monologues, music, dance and improv.

The monologue and music workshops will run from Jan. 23 to Feb. 6. The dance and improv workshops will run from Feb. 13-27.

Registration is now open, and space is limited. Registration and payment for the first two workshops is due by Jan. 18. The deadline for the later workshops is Feb. 1.

Cost is \$75 for each workshop.

The workshops will help students prepare for auditions, and bring those skills alive on stage, according to a news release.

For specifics about each workshop, or to register, visit www.cmwonline.org.

For more information, contact Adrienne Glisson at executivedirector.cmw@gmail.com.

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Indians trade star Lindor, Carrasco to Mets

By **TOM WITHERS**
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Francisco Lindor is moving to a new city and team that is willing to meet his salary demands.

The four-time Cleveland All-Star shortstop — and one of baseball’s best all-around players — was traded Thursday by the Indians along with pitcher Carlos Carrasco to the New York Mets, who have a new owner willing to spend at baseball’s highest levels.

The cash-strapped Indians sent Lindor and Carrasco to the Mets for infielders Andres Gimenez and Amed Rosario, right-hander Josh Wolf and outfielder Isaiah Greene — a move Cleveland hopes will keep it competitive and capable of ending baseball’s longest World Series title drought.

Dealing Lindor, who is eligible for free agency after the 2021 season, was inevitable for the mid-market Indians, who are unable to compete financially with MLB’s big spenders and dropped roughly \$30 million in dealing two prominent players and fan favorites.

“These are people we care about, not just players, and guys that loved the organization and have great mem-

ories here,” said Indians President of Baseball Operations Chris Antonetti, who said he was in tears when he spoke with Lindor and Carrasco. “Trades like this are really tough. But it’s the right thing to do.”

For the Mets, landing Lindor is a home run and another major move by hedge fund owner Steven Cohen, who bought the team on Nov. 6 from the Wilpon and Katz families and has pledged to increase spending.

One of his next big-ticket items figures to be signing Lindor to a long-term contract, something the Indians couldn’t do.

The 27-year-old Lindor can affect the game with his bat, glove and legs. A two-time Gold Glove winner, he’s a career .285 hitter and averaged 29 homers, 86 RBIs and 21 steals in his six major league seasons — all with the Indians, who drafted him in 2011 and developed him.

He has also been the face of the Indians’ franchise, with an infectious smile and joy for playing that has made him one of Cleveland’s most popular athletes. But he’s gone now, leaving the Indians without their best player and the team’s fans grumbling about owner Paul Dolan.

No. 15 U-M women edge Nebraska

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Naz Hillmon matched her career best with 35 points, Akienreh Johnson added two clutch free throws and No. 15 Michigan held off upset-minded Nebraska 64-62 Thursday night.

Hillmon scored 18 points by halftime in something of a one-on-one duel with Nebraska’s top scorer, Sam Haiby, who scored 19 and had the Huskers ahead 35-34 at the break.

But Hillmon scored nine in the third quarter, 17 after halftime and pulled down a career-best 22 rebounds as Michigan turned the one-point gap into a nine-point lead going into the final period.

Hillmon’s career effort

was just the second 30-20 game in Michigan women’s basketball history and first since 1979.

Maryland 93, MSU 87

EAST LANSING (AP) — Ashley Owusu and Chloe Bibby each scored 20 points, Katie Benzan added 19 points and No. 12 Maryland beat No. 23 Michigan State 93-87 on Thursday.

Maryland led by as many as 13 points early in the fourth quarter before Michigan State cut it to 83-81 with 1:46 left after a 9-0 run. Bibby answered with a three-point play, and Owusu, Benzan and Bibby combined to make 7 of 8 free throws in the final 48 seconds to seal it.



Tony Ding / AP

Michigan guard Franz Wagner, front, reacts after forcing a Minnesota turnover in the first half of Wednesday’s game.

Defense the difference

Improved defensive play a big key for unbeaten Michigan

By **JAMES HAWKINS**
The Detroit News (TNS)

ANN ARBOR — Like most people quarantined across the country during the spring, Juwan Howard had plenty of time to break down film and review his first season as Michigan’s head coach.

Looking back, Howard was pleased with the offensive numbers. The defensive statistics? Not so much.

The Wolverines finished last season ranked 10th in scoring defense (71.1 points) and 11th in field-goal percentage defense (43.6 percent) during Big Ten play. Among all Division I teams, Michigan rated in the middle of the pack nationally.

“We had our coaches’ meeting and I said, ‘We’ve got to be a kick-ass defensive team,’” Howard recalled after Michigan mauled Minnesota, 82-57, on Wednesday night. “It’s that’s simple, if we want to give us a chance to be one of the elite level teams in the conference and, more importantly, in college basketball.”

When the team arrived on campus in mid-June, the first

thing Howard talked about and drilled from Day 1 was defense.

“I remember doing defense like every day for like five or six days,” senior forward Isaiah Livers said. “Coach Howard wasn’t playing. We were locked in and we all bought in.”

That has shown throughout the season and was displayed once again Wednesday as Michigan turned in another dominant defensive effort.

The Wolverines clamped down from the start — deflecting passes, disrupting plays, contesting shots and letting nothing come easy. The Gophers struggled to match the intensity and energy, mustering 26 points and missing two-thirds of their shots in the first half.

Michigan’s relentless effort and pressure never waned, and Minnesota never came close to establishing an offensive rhythm. By the end of it, the Gophers finished with a season-low 57 points, shot 32.4 percent from the field (22-for-68), committed 12 turnovers and attempted only six free throws.

“Michigan had a lot to do with it,” Minnesota coach Richard Pitino said. “They were taking us out of our stuff.”

Pitino added the length among Michigan’s frontcourt with Livers, sophomore wing Franz Wagner

and freshman center Hunter Dickinson was particularly troublesome.

“That’s a recipe for some really good defensive possessions,” Pitino said. “They’re going to make you earn everything.”

The Wolverines did just that against perhaps the best center and point guard they’ve faced so far this season. Liam Robbins, the reigning Big Ten player of the week, was coming off a 27-point, 14-rebound performance against Ohio State. Marcus Carr entered the matchup as one of the top scorers in the Big Ten.

Both were neutralized, particularly Robbins. The 7-footer made his first two shots of the game but was held scoreless the rest of way by Dickinson. Robbins tied his season low with five points on a season-worst 2-for-9 shooting night, while Dickinson got it done on both ends and poured in a season-high 28 points.

“You’ve got to be able to guard out here in college. You can’t just be a one-way player,” said Dickinson, who credited Michigan’s guards for applying ball pressure and not allowing Robbins to receive any easy entry passes.

“Coach is always telling me to be a two-way player. That’s really what you’ve got to be at this level. Those

one-way players, they really get exposed on defense. If you’re just a scorer, teams will come back and attack you on the offensive end. I think that’s something that I’ve made a big emphasis on is try to defend my position, not be a weak link out there and hold my weight for the rest of the team.”

Through five Big Ten games, Michigan has held four opponents under 70 points and three of them under 40 percent shooting from the field.

Following their latest stout performance, the Wolverines lead the Big Ten in field-goal percentage defense (38.1 percent) and blocked shots (5.6) and rank second in scoring defense (64.6 points) in conference play. They also rank No. 18 in the nation in adjusted defensive efficiency, allowing 0.913 points per possession.

Those are the type of defensive numbers Howard likes to see.

“Obviously guys have goals, but I think everybody on the team understands those goals will not come unless everybody locks into this team, locks into the Michigan culture,” Livers said. “Coach Howard talks about buying in. I think everybody from top to bottom has bought in.

“Everybody here just wants to win, and we will do whatever it takes.”

NFL prospects everywhere in Alabama-Ohio State national title game

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
AP College Football Writer

Former LSU linebacker Patrick Queen is a good example of how a huge performance in a national championship game can help a player boost his NFL draft stock.

Queen was a rising prospect throughout last season and capped it by being the defensive MVP of the College Football Playoff championship victory against Clemson. About three and half months later, Queen was selected in the first round by the Baltimore Ravens at No. 28 overall.

No. 1 Alabama and No. 3 Ohio State head into the national title game Monday night with a slew of future NFL players. The matchups will not only determine who wins a championship, but could also influence where some of their stars are drafted.

“You do want to look into a player’s ability to play in the clutch and in the big moments because obviously when you’re putting together a football team, an NFL roster, your goal is to

be playing in the playoffs,” said Jim Nagy, Senior Bowl executive director and a former NFL scout. “So you want to look at the consequential games. The games that really matter.”

Alabama center Landon Dickerson, who is out with a knee injury, and guard Deonte Brown have already accepted invitations to the Senior Bowl on Jan. 30, Nagy said. Heisman Trophy-winning receiver DeVonta Smith, star running back Najee Harris and tackle Alex Leatherwood have also been invited.

For Ohio State, center Josh Myers, running back Trey Sermon, linebackers Tuf Borland and Barron Brown, and defensive end Jonathan Cooper plan to take part in the Senior Bowl, Nagy said. Invitations have also been extended to defensive tackle Haskell Garrett and linebacker Pete Werner.

There are perhaps 20 players who could potentially be drafted in April after playing for the Crimson Tide and Buckeyes.

Quarterbacks

Ohio State’s Justin Fields



Michael Ainsworth / AP

Alabama linebacker Christian Harris (8) and defensive back Patrick Surtain II (2) celebrate a interception by Harris on a pass intended for Notre Dame wide receiver Javon McKinley (88) in the second half of the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

was amazing against Clemson, throwing six touchdown passes and showing off accuracy and arm strength all over the field. He also displayed poise and toughness, playing most of the game after taking a nasty hit to his side.

That came after an inconsistent and truncated season that has called into question Fields’ status as the best available QB behind Trevor Lawrence.

“There’s a lot of buzz around the league about

(BYU’s) Zach Wilson being the No. 2 pick in the draft behind Lawrence,” said Dane Brugler, a draft analyst for The Athletic.

“Fields, with what he did, it changed that a little bit. He’s making teams kind of go back and reconsider.”

The Alabama defense has had some bumpy moments, but it is still the most talented group Ohio State has faced, starting with SEC defensive player of the year Patrick Surtain III. The junior will probably be the

first cornerback drafted if he declares.

Plus, Fields will be tested by Alabama schematically.

“Give (Tide coach) Nick Saban 10 days to figure you out and to find your weaknesses, that’s terrifying,” said Matt Miller of NFL Draft Scout.

Alabama quarterback Mac Jones is among the second tier of quarterbacks in the upcoming draft that includes Florida’s Kyle Trask and maybe SMU’s Shane Buechele.

Jones has been superb, but he doesn’t have athletic traits comparable to Fields and Lawrence.

Jones is surrounded by top-end talent, and offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian has done a good job of scheming receivers open and creating mismatches.

“He’s a very, very difficult evaluation because how do you separate him from just an elite situation,” Brugler said of Jones.

Especially on the heels of former Alabama star Tua Tagovailoa’s rookie NFL season, which was solid but far from spectacular.

Wade's world

Ohio State cornerback Shaun Wade made the All-America team, but that was a generous evaluation based on reputation and last year’s play when he was a nickelback and slot corner.

His move to the outside this season has been spotty at best and indicative of Ohio State’s cornerback play in general.

Now, he gets to face Smith, a sure first-round pick, and the gemstone of Alabama’s prolific passing game.

“If I’m Alabama and Steve Sarkisian, I’m getting DeVonta Smith on (Wade’s) side of the field as much as humanly possible because no one has been able to stop him,” Miller said.

Brugler said Wade’s future might still lie at safety.

“At the same time, if he goes out there and performs at a high level against Smith, then all of a sudden that’s a different conversation,” Brugler said.

“But based on what we’ve seen from Shaun Wade this year, it just doesn’t seem like a realistic possibility.”

PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING JAN. 8							
	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank (N) (DVS)		:01 20/20 (N) (S)			
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver (N) (S)		Magnum P.I. (N) (S)		Blue Bloods "Redemption" (N)	
NBC 5 (8) (16)	Ac. Hollywood	Weakest Link (S) (DVS)		Dateline NBC (N) (S)			
FOX (7)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) (S)	
PBS (34)	Black Journal	Washington Week	Firing-Hoover	Frontline "A Thousand Cuts" The Philippine government and the press. (N) (S)			
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N) (S)		News	Seinfeld (S)
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Dateline "Evil Intent" (S)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "F.P.S."		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (S)	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N) (S)		The Drew Barrymore Show (N) (S)	
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Letting Go" Ty returns.		Highway to Heaven "The Right Thing"		Nightly News	
WGN (8)	News	black-ish (S)	black-ish (S)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) (S)	
A&E	:00 The First 48	First 48: Case-Haunts Me		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 01.08.21" (N) (S)			
AMC	5:00 G.I. Jane	*** Unstoppable "10, Action) Denzel Washington, Chris Pine. (S)				*** Air Force One (97) (S)	
Animal	Monsters	River Monsters		Jeremy Wade Dark Waters: Lies Below			
BET	6:00 ***	Boomerang (92)		:05 *** Harlem Nights (89) (S)			
Big Ten	To Be Announced						
Bravo	:00 Below Deck (N)	*** Baby Mama (08, Comedy) Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Greg Kinnear. (S)				*** Baby Mama (08) Tina Fey.	
Cartoon	Teen	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	** Live by Night	*** Horrible Bosses (11, Comedy) Jason Bateman. (S)			:39 *** CHIPS (17) Michael Peña, Dax Shepard. (S)		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	Streets of Dreams		Streets of Dreams		The Profit "Dante's"	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek
Discovery	Gold Rush: Pay	Gold Rush "Forged in Fire" (N) (S)				:14 Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch (N)	
Disney	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Beach	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	:00 ***	*** Sweet Home Alabama (02)			*** Sweet Home Alabama		
ESPN	NBA Basketball: Hornets at Pelicans			NBA Basketball			
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball Dayton at Davidson. (N)			
ESPN2	:00 College Football				College Football		
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) (S)		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Suns at Pistons			Pistons		Pistons	Spartans
Freefrm	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
FX	Deep Horizon	*** Skyscraper (18, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell, Chin Han. (S)				*** Skyscraper (18) (S)	
Golf	PGA Golf						
Hallmark	Bottled With Love	*** The Christmas Bow (20, Drama) Lucia Micarelli, Michael Rady. (S)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Wrath of the Titans	30 Coins "Cobwebs" Priest's troubling past comes to light.			:21 30 Coins "Ouija" (Subtitled-English)	*** Chronicle	
History	UnXplain.	The UnXplained		The UnXplained (N)		Proof	Proof
HGTV	Home	Self-Made Mansions		Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream
Learning	Unexpect.	90 Day Fiancé (N)					
Lifetime	Rizzoli & Isles	*** Sister Act (92, Musical Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith. (S)			:03 *** Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit		
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Football	Skiing		Bulls		NBA Basketball	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL GameDay View		NFL Football Teams TBA. (S)			
Nick	Hustle	Substitute	Sponge.	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Bloods	American Mob		American Mob		American Mob	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	An Unexpected Killer		An Unexpected Killer "When Hate Kills"		An Unexpected Killer "Killer in Plain Sight"	
Parmt	6:30 ***	*** Fast & Furious		*** The Italian Job (03) (S)			
Showtime	6:00 Sinister	The Truth (19) Catherine Deneuve, Juliette Binoche. (P). (Subtitled) (S)				*** 1917 (19) George MacKay.	
Starz	Black and Blue (19)	*** Public Enemies (09, Crime Drama) Johnny Depp, Christian Bale. (P). (S)				Power Book II	
STZENC	:14 *** The Intruder (19, Suspense) Michael Ealy. (S)				*** Deep Impact (98, Drama) Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni, Elijah Wood. (S)		
SyFy	6:30 ***	*** Red 2 (13, Action) Bruce Willis. (S) (DVS)		*** John Wick (14, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist. (S) (DVS)			
TBS	6:30 ***	*** The Equalizer (14, Action) Denzel Washington.		:15 *** Fast & Furious 6 (13, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. (S)			
TCM	6:15 Spinout	*** Hang 'Em High (68, Western) Clint Eastwood, Inger Stevens. (S)				:15 *** The Strange One (57)	
TMC	6:00 Paranoia	*** The Upside (17, Comedy-Drama) Kevin Hart, Bryan Cranston. (S)				:10 *** The Fisher King (91) (S)	
TNT	:00 Bones	*** Justice League (17, Action) Ben Affleck.				Suicide	
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	*** Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (17) Chris Pratt. The team unravels the mystery of Peter Quill's parentage. (S) (DVS)					
VH1	RuPaul	RuPaul's Drag Race (N) (S)				Love & Hip Hop	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) (S)		NewsNation (N) (L) (S)		NewsNation (N) (L) (L) (S)	

FDA approves new at-home COVID-19 test

DEAR DOCTOR: It seems like a coronavirus test you can do at home would be really helpful. Then people who don't have symptoms could know that they should quarantine, and maybe that would help stop the spread. Is there anything like that on the horizon?

DEAR READER: Not only are home coronavirus tests already a reality, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has just issued an emergency use authorization for the first rapid coronavirus self-test that will be available without a prescription. This test, called the Ellume COVID-19 Home Test, got the nod from the FDA on Dec. 15, 2020. It joins the Lucira COVID-19 All-In-One Test Kit, a prescription-only home test, which the FDA approved last November. It is expected to become available in 2021, and will reportedly sell for about \$30. Both tests utilize a nasal swab.

The over-the-counter home test has been authorized for self-use by people who are 16 years and older. Those individuals may then administer the test to people under the age of 16, includ-

ing to children as young as 2 years old. The reason for the age limitations is to assure that the person is able to accurately perform the multiple steps needed to complete the test.

Although not as accurate as lab-based tests, Ellume's test still got high marks. In a clinical study of almost 200 people, the test detected 95 percent of the infections found by the lab-based test. Another advantage of the new test, in addition to not requiring a prescription, is that it can be used by people who do not have symptoms of COVID-19. However, in asymptomatic cases, studies showed that the rate of accuracy dropped to 91 percent.

If you do take a home test and get a positive result, it's time to self-quarantine. Mild-to-moderate symptoms of COVID-19 can be managed at home. However, if breathing becomes compromised, it's important to seek immediate medical care.

While the increasing availability of home coronavirus tests is a big step forward in controlling the spread of the virus, it's important to note that they are just one part of a multi-prong approach. It's still important to wear a good mask whenever you're outside of the home, particularly when you're indoors. Remember that your mask not only protects others from

your exhaled breath, but it also offers a degree of protection to you as well. Continue to avoid gatherings of people outside of your core group, maintain social distancing when in public, and remain vigilant about hand-washing and keeping high-touch surfaces clean.

It's only when taken together that these precautions offer the best protection. A great metaphor that we heard recently is to think of each precaution as a slice of Swiss cheese. When you look at them one at a time, the slices of cheese have holes. But when you pile the slices up on top of each other, they act together to form a barrier. Each coronavirus precaution has its weakness, but they don't all have the same weakness. So, by adhering to all of the precautions, you're compensating for the various shortcomings and giving yourself the best chance at avoiding infection.

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Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



Why do anti-maskers deserve medical care?

DEAR CAROLYN: I cannot understand why some people refuse to wear masks and socially distance and believe they will not get sick.

I suggest when they do get the virus and go to a hospital, doctors ask whether they have been wearing a mask and socially distancing. If they have not, they should *not* be treated if that takes a hospital bed from someone who has been doing the right thing.

Your thoughts? — **Carolyn Hax**

Wondering in VA
DEAR WONDERING IN VA: I understand your opinion comes from a place of justified rage and frustration, but it's a knee-kick to our social contract.

To illustrate why, let's start with a different group of angry, brainwashed, ignorant people: neo-Nazis. If we're denying emergency care to anyone, then they'd get my vote even before the anti-mask buffoons would. Right?

But we don't do that, mercifully. When neo-Nazis show up in emergency rooms, medical staff treat them as they would any other patient. We don't parcel out care based on moral worthiness.

Imp practicality is one reason: Who's going to decide, while the patient is

bleeding or coding or whatever else, whether those fascist tats represent the patient's *current* beliefs, or deeply regretted, daily atoned-for *past* beliefs? It's not doable to a reasonable moral standard.

Immorality is another reason. Meeting — or refusing to meet — basic human needs based on an arbitrary standard of worthiness is the exact tool oppressors use.

And imagine the psychic weight on a decent person, having to manage this power.

So our system gives urgent medical care based on the urgency of the medical need. Triage may not be perfect, but its clarity of purpose is.

That's a microcosm of the value of a civilized society: It's about humanity for its own sake, transcending the muck of winners and losers and individual notions of fairness. Taxpayers fund roads and schools and clean water to serve everyone, simply for existing, not just people who pay for them or use them correctly or are deemed worthiest.

Ironically, this often appears *unfair* — say, when some anti-mask buffoon occupies a hospital bed that a conscientious person ultimately dies from not having. Yours is a normal emotional reaction to that risk.

But as history has shouted at us at every opportunity we give it, humans tend to abuse power. All you need are

— to use America's ugliest example — people in power who believe brown skin makes someone unworthy, and suddenly the system you envision of saving treatment for the "right" people becomes a crime against humanity.

So, back to your question: Are you ready to empower someone (some inevitably flawed human) to judge who gets care based not on medical need, but instead on perceived value to society? Who chooses, who monitors, this arbiter of worth?

Again, as with the triage example, there's still room for error. And — again — this can create unfairness, say, when someone finds a way to exploit programs meant for the common good.

But being human means living with imperfection. Always. Here, we get to choose its form: abuse by individuals *using* a need-based system, or abuse by leaders *running* a worth-based system, in rewarding some and denying others based on the leaders' whims, because they can.

The prospect of the latter gives me night terrors. Let's not succumb to COVID-weary temptation to open the lid on that.

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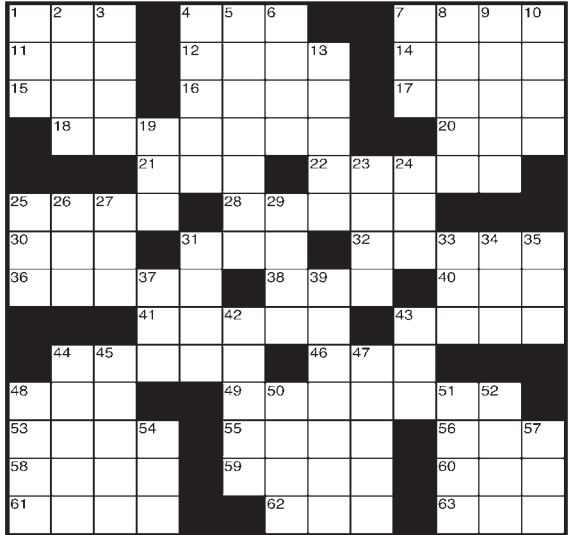
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 - 25 Sticky substances
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 - 4 Intense
 - 5 Physics topic
 - 6 Movie
 - 7 Geol. formation
 - 8 Pop up

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 10 Cartoon shrieks
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- 23 — Raton, Florida
- 24 Tarzan's son
- 25 You don't say!
- 26 Ms. Hagen
- 29 Secluded valley
- 31 Bottom edges
- 33 Pool stick
- 34 Hosp. worker
- 35 Author Umberto —
- 37 Mekong native
- 39 Red condiment
- 42 — costs
- 43 Resinous substance
- 44 Revealed
- 45 Limerick writer — Nash
- 47 Fluffy quilt
- 48 Burlap fiber
- 50 Hassock
- 51 Some poems
- 52 Joust
- 54 Actress — Thurman
- 57 Starry vista



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: KIOSK TOPAZ FUMBLE TYCOON

Answer: The pool player bet he would win, but after missing the shot, he would be — OUT OF POCKET



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

BRIDGE

George C. Marshall, who was a soldier and the third secretary of defense, said, “If man does find the solution for world peace, it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known.”

Hasn't happened yet! But one word in that sentence gives you the key to the way to make seven hearts in today's deal. What would you do after West leads the club four? Did West have a more effective lead?

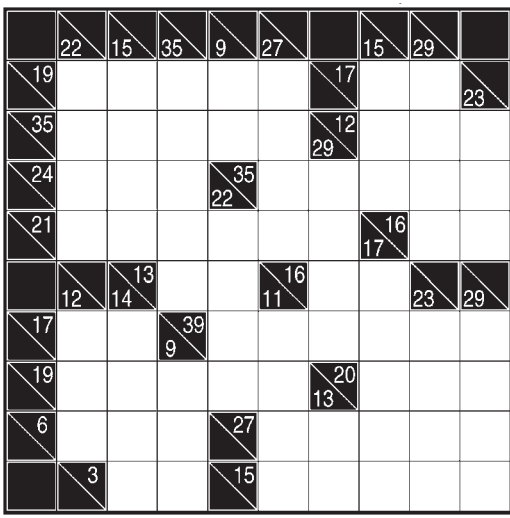
After the transfer bid and natural rebid, hearts were agreed by South. Then North's four clubs and South's four diamonds were control-bids. Note that the king in partner's side suit is usually as useful

as the ace. North then used Roman Key Card Blackwood to learn that his partner had two aces and the heart queen. Finally, he plunged into seven hearts.

South saw that he had seven side-suit winners: one spade, five diamonds and one club. So he needed six trump tricks. That would require taking three tops and three spade ruffs on the board.

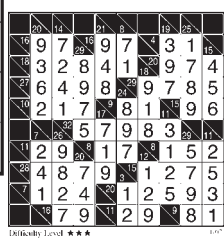
Declarer won with the club ace, played the spade queen to his ace, ruffed a spade, crossed to hand with a trump, cashed his other high heart, ruffed a spade, led a diamond to the king, ruffed the spade 10 and, when that passed off safely, cashed the heart king and claimed.

KAKURO



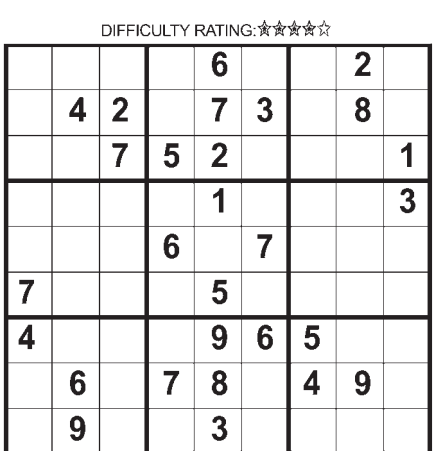
Difficulty Level ★★★★★

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★★

SUDOKU



How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	9	1	8	4	2	5	6	7
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Opportunities are heading your way. Concentrate on professional gains, investment opportunities and finding new ways to use your skills. A personal relationship will undergo a positive change that will make your life more manageable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Consider what will make you happy, and head in that direction. You are the master of your destiny. Put your energy where it counts, and you'll discover what you can accomplish all by yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Consider what you do well and enjoy, and turn it into a profitable venture. Take the initiative; refuse to let obstacles stand in your way.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Use your connections to help you put your plan in motion. Your ability to articulate what you want to do with enthusiasm and flair will win you success. A partnership looks promising.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Keep your life simple. Refuse to let outside influences interfere with your plans. Look at the possibilities, and consider what you have time to pursue. Discipline and intelligence are necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
When uncertainty sets in, take a step back. There is no point in taking a risk. Channel your energy into personal growth, physical fitness and self-improvement. Romance is on the rise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Research, ask questions, check facts and take things slowly. Time is on your side. A partnership will interest you, but don't get involved in a joint financial venture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Explore new possibilities. Don't shy away from joining forces with someone who can contribute to your plans. Don't make an unnecessary fuss. Romance is encouraged.

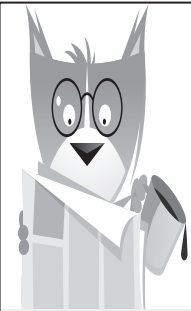
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
A change someone makes will take you by surprise. Be hesitant to participate if you have any doubts. Taking a conservative approach will end up being to your advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Make self-improvement a priority. Set up a workout space or find a spot to work on a hobby. Use your imagination and intelligence to get ahead. Romance is on the rise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Refuse to let anyone push you around. Stand up for your rights and proceed with your plans. An opportunity to make an adjustment at home that will encourage peace is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
You'll be anxious to make a move. Consider the pros and cons. If you act too quickly, you will overlook an important detail. Let your intuition guide you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
An unusual set of circumstances surrounding a friend or relative will put you in a position of power. Do what's right; handle matters reasonably. Romance is on the rise.



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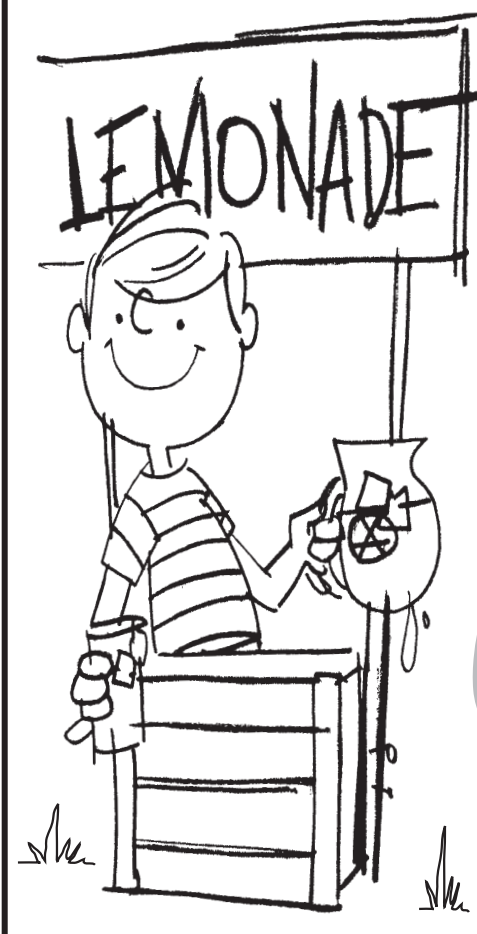
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Social platforms flex their power, lock down Trump accounts

By **DAVID KLEPPER**
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Associated Press

After years of treating President Donald Trump's inflammatory rhetoric with a light touch, Facebook and Instagram are silencing his social media accounts for the rest of his presidency. The move, which many called long overdue following Wednesday's deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, is also a reminder of the enormous power that social-media platforms can wield when they choose.

Facebook and Instagram said Thursday they will bar Trump from posting at least until the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden. Twitter said that it's still evaluating whether to lift or extend what started as a 12-hour lockdown of Trump's account.

It remains unclear how the platforms will handle Trump once he leaves office and is no longer shielded from enforcement of most rules by his status as a world leader. And some critics saw the moves as cynical efforts by the companies to position themselves for a post-Trump future.

"They no longer have to fear Donald Trump," said Rashad Robinson of Color of Change, a group that has pushed tech companies to do more to rein in hate speech. He said Facebook's action was "in the best interest of Facebook" and a way to curry favor with the incoming Democratic president and Congress.

In announcing the unprecedented move, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg said the risk of allowing

Trump to use the platform is too great following the president's incitement of a mob on Wednesday. Zuckerberg said Trump's account will be locked "for at least the next two weeks" and possibly indefinitely.

"The shocking events of the last 24 hours clearly demonstrate that President Donald Trump intends to use his remaining time in office to undermine the peaceful and lawful transition of power to his elected successor, Joe Biden," Zuckerberg wrote.

Trump has repeatedly harnessed the power of social media to spread falsehoods about election integrity and the results of the presidential race. Platforms like Facebook have occasionally labeled or even removed some of his posts, but the overall response has failed to satisfy a growing number of critics who say the platforms have enabled the spread of dangerous misinformation.

In light of Wednesday's riot, however, Zuckerberg said a more aggressive approach is needed because of the "use of our platform to incite violent insurrection against a democratically elected government."

Instagram, which is owned by Facebook, will also block Trump's ability to post on its platform. YouTube, owned by Google, announced more general changes that will penalize accounts spreading misinformation about voter fraud in the 2020 election, with repeat offenders facing permanent removal. Snapchat on Wednesday locked Trump's account "indefinitely."

Neil Sheehan, Pentagon Papers reporter, Vietnam author, dies

By **WILL LESTER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Neil Sheehan, a reporter and Pulitzer Prize-winning author who broke the story of the Pentagon Papers for The New York Times and who chronicled the deception at the heart of the Vietnam War in his epic book about the war, died Thursday. He was 84.

Sheehan died Thursday morning of complications from Parkinson's disease, said his daughter, Catherine Sheehan Bruno.

His account of the Vietnam War, "A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam," took him 15 years to write. The 1988 book won the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction.

Sheehan served as a war correspondent for United Press International and then the Times in the early days of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War in the 1960s. It was there that he developed a fascination with what he would call "our first war in vain" where "people were dying for nothing."

As a national writer for the Times based in Washington, Sheehan was the first to obtain the Pentagon Papers, a massive history of U.S. involvement in Vietnam ordered up by the Defense Department. Daniel Ellsberg, a former consultant to the Defense Department who had previously leaked Vietnam-related documents to Sheehan, had copied the papers and made arrangements to get them to Sheehan.

The Times' reports, which began in June 1971, exposed widespread government deception about U.S. prospects for victory. Soon, The Washington Post also began publishing stories about the Pentagon Papers.

The Pentagon Papers looked in excruciating detail at the decisions and strategies of the war. And they told how involvement was built up steadily by political leaders and top military brass who were overconfident about U.S. prospects and deceptive about the accomplishments against the North Vietnamese.

OBITUARIES

Death notices

Florence A. Cooks, 69, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 30, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Gary Richard Fox of Three Oaks died Jan. 6, 2021. Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. 756-3831.

Dee Ann Lange, 82, of Stevensville died Jan. 5, 2021. Starks & Menchinger

Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Sandra Jean Rose, 68, of Berrien Springs died Jan. 6, 2021, peacefully at Ascension Borges Hospital. Legacy Funeral Services, Kalamazoo.

Verdell Washington, 53, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 3, 2021. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Douglas Harry Snyder

March 4, 1954 – Jan. 3, 2021

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Makarewicz of Watervliet have received word that Mrs. Hayley Makarewicz's birth father, Douglas Harry Snyder, passed away Jan. 3, 2021, in Las Vegas. He was 66.

Douglas was born on March 4, 1954, in Benton Harbor.

In failing health for several years after a devastating motorcycle accident, Douglas was hospitalized briefly, dying of heart failure on Sunday.

Douglas enjoyed motorcycles and model cars, his favorite being the 1969 Chev-



rolet Corvette. He was an accomplished drummer and had a vast collection of cymbals. In addition to the Makarewicz sons: Mason and Austin; he is survived

by a sister, Corby Ann Snyder-Enriquez of Pahrump, Nevada; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Elmer and Shirley Schindler Snyder; and a sister, Vickie Ann Atkinson McCulloch Scott, all of Las Vegas.

Cremation has taken place. No memorial service is planned.

Race double standard clear in rioters' Capitol insurrection

By **AARON MORRISON**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Black Lives Matter protests, 2020: Overwhelming force from law enforcement in dozens of cities. Chemical dispersants. Rubber bullets and hand-to-hand combat with largely peaceful crowds and some unruly vandals and looters. More than 14,000 arrests.

The U.S. Capitol, Jan. 6, 2021: Barely more than a few dozen arrests. Several weapons seized, improvised explosive devices found. Members of a wilding mob escorted from the premises, some not even in handcuffs.

The key difference? The first set of protesters were overwhelmingly Black Americans and their allies. The second group was overwhelmingly white Americans who support outgoing President Donald Trump's baseless claims of election fraud.

The violent breaching of the halls of power on Capitol Hill by the insurrectionist mob on Wednesday, which left one woman dead of a police gunshot wound, represents one of the plainest displays of a racial double standard in both modern and recent history.

"When Black people protest for our lives, we are all too often met by National Guard troops or police equipped with assault rifles, shields, tear gas and battle helmets," the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation said in a statement.

"When white people attempt a coup, they are met by an underwhelming number of law enforcement personnel who act powerless to intervene, going so far as to pose for selfies with terrorists," it said.

Broad and bipartisan condemnation of the insurrectionist mob came swiftly as they had a nearly unhindered, hours-long run of the Capitol building complex, the Senate chamber and the House speaker's office. The ordeal drew expressions of bewilderment and disbelief from some observers who believed such a display was impossible in a democracy as revered as America's.

However, the response to the mayhem is consistent with a long pattern of society's coddling of racists and downplaying the violent white supremacist ideology that routinely places the grievances of white people above those of their Black, often disenfranchised and downtrodden countrymen and women.

Since the founding of the democracy in the blood and



AP photos

In this combination of photos, demonstrators, left, protest June 4, 2020, in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, over the death of George Floyd and on Jan. 6, supporters of President Donald Trump rally at same location.

secession of the American Revolution, white people's destructive and obstructionist conduct has been couched in patriotism. It's been a fundamental part of a national myth about whose dissent and pursuit of redress for grievance is justified, and whose is not.

Newly sworn-in St. Louis Rep. Cori Bush, who was among the protesters to face down police and National Guardsmen in 2014 after police killed Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, told The Associated Press that the race of the Capitol rioters played a big part in their ability to breach the congressional fortresses.

Had the mob been Black, "we would have been laid out," Bush said.

"The thing is, these are the same people who called us terrorists," Bush continued. "Confederate flags, 'don't tread on me,' 'blue lives matter' flags, the Trump flags – all of it symbolizes the same thing. It symbolizes racism and white supremacy."

The show of force by law enforcement at the Capitol bore little resemblance to the lines of National Guardsmen and other police forces that assembled last year to protect luxury brand retailers against looting, government buildings against breaching and highways against marching by demonstrators across the country.

Rashad Robinson, president of Color of Change, the nation's largest digital racial justice advocacy group, told the AP that he sees it as "a clear example of how racism works in this country and the clear ways there are different sets of rules and different sets of outcomes based on what race you are."

Although Wednesday's events represented one of the most alarming attacks on democratic institutions in recent memory, it wasn't

the only seen that day. Apparent Trump supporters forced disruptions at statehouses across the country, including in Georgia, New Mexico and Ohio.

And that wasn't the first time that such a disparate law enforcement response to such attacks drew national outrage and criticism of police. Last May, a large group of mostly white men carrying long rifles stormed the Michigan Statehouse building in Lansing over the governor's coronavirus pandemic shutdown mandates. There were few arrests and little condemnation from the White House.

In June, Trump administration officials had federal officers clear BLM protesters with flash bang grenades and tear gas, to facilitate a now in-

famous photo-op in front of a church near the White House.

BLM protesters and their supporters in Portland, Oregon, quickly pointed out Wednesday the huge disparity between Trump's response to racial justice protests in the Pacific Northwest city and his encouragement of the violence in D.C.

On July 27, following his deployment of U.S. agents to quell weeks of demonstrations, Trump tweeted: "Anarchists, Agitators or Protestors who vandalize or damage our Federal Courthouse in Portland, or any Federal Buildings in any of our Cities or States, will be prosecuted under our recently re-enacted Statutes and Monuments Act. MINIMUM TEN YEARS IN PRISON. Don't do it!"

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1996 – 25 years ago

LECO Corp., plans to construct an electronic instrument testing facility, which will result in the creation of five jobs. The test facility will be constructed on Hilltop Road on the site of the former Gard School, which the company had torn down last year. The site is next to its Carl Schultz Technical Center on Hilltop.

1986 – 35 years ago

Larry Priest of Galien won the National Discussion contest at the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Atlanta, according to Michigan Farm Bureau Assistant Director of Information and Public Relations Donna Wilber. The prize for winning the competition was use of a Duetz-Allis Tractor for one year. Priest and his wife farm about 200 acres of corn and soybeans, with help from his father, William.

1971 – 50 years ago

What is believed to be the first four-channel quadrasonic broadcast in the Midwest will be presented Jan. 17 by WAUS-FM, the new stereo radio station at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, and by Benton Harbor’s WHFB-FM stereo. The quad-cast celebrates the university’s opening of the new station Sunday. The two-hour spectacular will include music selections from all across the music spectrum, classic to contemporary. Quadrasonic sound is the art of broadcasting four discrete channels of program information, not merely two as in “regular” stereo. The quad-cast more accurately resembles the original performance.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2021. There are 357 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:
On Jan. 8, 1998, Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

On this date:
In 1815, the last major engagement of the War of 1812 came to an end as U.S. forces defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, not having gotten word of the signing of a peace treaty.
In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for lasting peace after World War I. Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.

In 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union address, declared an “unconditional war on poverty in America.”

In 1968, the Otis Redding single “(Sittin’ On) The Dock of the Bay” was released on the Volt label almost a month after the singer’s death in a plane crash.

In 1973, the Paris peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed.

In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department’s antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
33°	23°	34° / 25°	33° / 26°	32° / 25°	34° / 27°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 33°, humidity of 71%. North northeast wind 9 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 23°. North northeast wind 3 to 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 17°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:13 a.m.
Sunset	5:31 p.m.
Moonrise	3:11 a.m.
Moonset	1:47 p.m.
	New 1/13
	First 1/20
	Full 1/28
	Last 2/4

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday	
Temperature	
High	35°
Low	28°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	65° in 2008
Record Low	-15° in 2014
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.76"
Normal for month	0.38"
Year to date	0.76"
Normal Year to date	0.38"

Air Quality

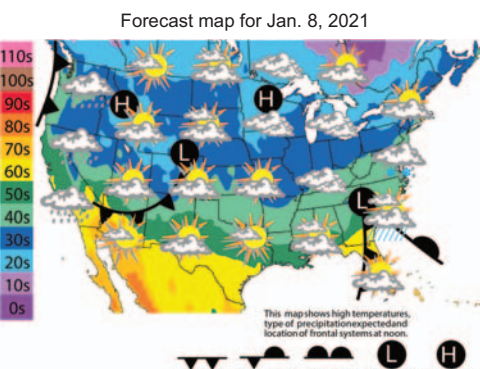
Yesterday	37
Main Offender	Particles
The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.	
0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

Do tornadoes occur in January?

Answer: Yes, the average year sees 47 tornadoes in its first month.

National Weather Map



Lake Michigan

Today, NE wind 8 to 10 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 39 degrees. Tonight, NNE wind 7 to 10 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula
Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with highs in the 20s and 30s. East southeast wind 6 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 30s. Northwest wind 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula
Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s. North northeast wind 9 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 30s. North wind 3 to 6 mph.

Hurt feelings, anger linger after Pence, Trump clash

By JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They were never a natural fit, the straight-laced evangelical and the brash reality TV star. But for more than four years, President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence made their marriage of political convenience work.

Now, in the last days of their administration, each is feeling betrayed by the other. It’s part of the fallout from an extraordinary 24-hour stretch in which Pence openly defied Trump, Trump unleashed his fury on the vice president, and a mob of violent supporters incensed by Trump’s rhetoric stormed the Capitol building and tried to halt the peaceful transfer of power.

The Trump-Pence relationship is “pretty raw right now,” said one top GOP congressional aide, who described multiple phone calls in which Trump berated Pence and

tried to pressure the vice president to use powers he does not possess to try to overturn the results of the 2020 election. Pence, for his part, was left feeling “hurt” and “upset” by the episode, according to people close to him. They spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal matters.

Pence’s decision to publicly defy Trump was a first for the notoriously deferential vice president, who has been unflinchingly loyal to Trump since joining the GOP ticket in 2016. Pence has spent his tenure defending the president’s actions, trying to soothe anxious world leaders put off by Trump’s caustic rhetoric, and carefully avoiding the president’s ire.

He has taken on some of the administration’s most high-pressure projects, including leading its response to the coronavirus. And he has stood by Trump even as the president leveled baseless

allegations of voter fraud and refused to concede the election after his loss to Democrat Joe Biden.

Under normal circumstances, the vote-tallying procedure that began on Wednesday would have been a mere formality. But after losing court case after court case, and with no further options at hand, Trump and his allies zeroed in on the congressional tally as their last chance to try to challenge the race’s outcome.

In a bizarre interpretation of the law, they argued that the vice president had the unilateral power to reject Electoral College votes supporting Biden. The Constitution makes clear that only Congress has that power.

The effort effectively turned Pence into a scapegoat who could be blamed for Trump’s loss if the vice president refused to go along with the plan. Trump and his lawyers spent days engaged in an aggressive pressure campaign to force Pence to bend to their will in a series of phone calls and in-person meetings, including one that stretched for hours on Tuesday.

When Pence, who consulted with his own legal team, constitutional scholars and the Senate parliamentarian, informed Trump on Wednesday morning that he would not be going along with the effort, the president “blew a gasket,” in the words of one person briefed on the conversation.

Not long after, Trump took the stage in front of thousands of his supporters at a “Stop the Steal” rally, where he urged them to march to the Capitol and continued to fan false hopes that Pence could change the outcome.

“If Mike Pence does the right thing we win the election,” Trump wrongly insisted. He repeatedly returned to Pence throughout his speech as he tried to pressure the vice president to fall in line.

TRUMP

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his own social media accounts but who remains commander in chief of the world’s greatest military.

“I’m not worried about the next election, I’m worried about getting through the next 14 days,” said Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, one of Trump’s staunchest allies. He condemned the president’s role in Wednesday’s riots and said, “If something else happens, all options would be on the table.”

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared that “the president of the United States incited an armed insurrection against America.” She called him “a very dangerous person who should not continue in office. This is urgent, an emergency of the highest magnitude.”

Neither option to remove Trump seemed likely, with little time left in his term to draft the Cabinet members needed to invoke the amendment or to organize the hearings and trial mandated for an impeachment. But the fact that the dramatic options were even the subject of discussion in Washington’s corridors of power served as a warning to Trump.

Fears of what a desperate president could do in his final days spread in the nation’s capital and beyond, including speculation Trump could incite more violence, make rash appointments, issue ill-conceived pardons – including for himself and his family – or even trigger a destabilizing international incident.

The president’s video Thursday – which was released upon his return to Twitter after his account was restored – was a complete reversal from the one he put out just 24 hours earlier in which he said to the violent mob, “We love you. You’re very special.” His refusal to condemn the violence sparked a firestorm of criticism and, in the new video, he at last denounced the demonstrators’ “lawlessness and mayhem.”

As for his feelings on leaving office, he told the nation that “serving as your president has been the honor of my lifetime” while hinting at a return to the public arena. He told supporters “that our incredible journey is only just beginning.”

BYPASS

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Road bridge construction over U.S. 31 and bridge improvements over westbound I-94; and the construction of the U.S. 31/I-94 interchange.

Next year MDOT will focus on the reconstruction of eastbound I-94; construction of the U.S. 31 segment and the connection at the I-94 business line interchange; Benton Center Road bridge improvements over eastbound I-94; Benton Center Road bridge construction over U.S. 31; and the reconstruction of the I-196 interchange.

Weather permitting, Schirripa said the project remains on schedule.

“I’m saying that with a fair amount of optimism,” he said. “The longer a project goes, the more chances there are for delays. Keep in mind this is a three-year project. Based on what we’re seeing thus far, this will probably be completed on time and functioning in its final form by the end of 2022.”

A legacy project

The project revival comes after several delays spanning decades that have been frustrating for Southwest Michigan residents.

Plans were originally crafted in the 1960s to extend U.S. 31 north, from the Indiana portion to I-94.



Heavy equipment is pictured near the new Britain Avenue bridge currently under construction near Benton Center Road and Britain Avenue.

Construction began in the 1970s and portions of that U.S. 31 section were completed in phases.

However, the final major piece hit a snag in the 1990s after it was determined the highway would threaten the habitat of a rare butterfly. Plans were modified to accommodate the butterfly habitat, but securing funds became the challenge. Later it was decided to drop plans to connect directly to I-196, and instead link up with I-94 at Exit 33.

In late 2018, MDOT was awarded \$20 million in dis-

cretionary grant funding to complete the project.

Prior to this, the last major milestone was the 2003 completion of the 9.5-mile section from Berrien Springs to Napier Avenue in Benton Township.

Schirripa referred to it as a legacy project for a lot of people at MDOT.

“What we’re seeing happen now has been in the making for 40 years,” he said. “We have an engineer who will be retiring soon. When she started on this project, it was her first year (with MDOT). She was one of the original engineers

and vowed not to retire until she saw it through to fruition.”

Benton Township Supervisor Cathy Yates said it’s been encouraging to watch the ongoing progress. A large portion of the project is centered in the township.

“I look at it as a gateway between three highways,” Yates said. “I think it’s a wonderful improvement. For semis, I know it’s going to be a timesaver in connecting to the various highways.”

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VACCINE

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in Berrien County, according to the state’s COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard.

COVID numbers update

Berrien County recorded 98 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday, breaking with the county’s average of about 50 new cases a day.

In addition, the county recorded 91 recoveries and one additional COVID-19 death on Thursday, bringing the county’s death toll to 183.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 1,687 active COVID-19 cases. That’s up slightly from Wednesday, but still down from 2,135 last Thursday.

COVID hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lake-Land continue to fluctuate in the mid-40s, with 46 patients admitted as of Thursday morning. Last Thursday, the hospital had about 43 patients admitted.

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DEAL

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says is effective but critics consider inadequate. The Brandon Road project will provide another layer of protection further downstream.

“Long in planning, we’re pleased to finally put these agreements into action, allowing us to move the project to its next steps – planning and design – and, ultimately, construction,” said Colleen Callahan, director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Once design is complete, building the system will take six to eight years, Sattinger said.

The deal between states that have sometimes quarreled over how to stop the carp is “a model of partnership that we hope to see more of in the future as we work toward a common goal of securing the health and longevity of our states’ greatest natural resource,” said Molly Flanagan, chief operating officer of the Alliance for the Great Lakes.